5 years and accumulated losses upto 31.3.90 are given below:

Year	Loss (Rs. crores)
1985-86	129.38
1986-81	102.53
1987-88	42.66
1988-89	191.24
1989-90	164.80 (provisional)

Total accumulated losses upto 31.3.90 are Rs. 1235 crores (including provisional loss of 1989-90).

(c) The following steps have been taken/are proposed to be taken to improve the economic viability of FCI: —

(i) It is proposed to undertake Phase-lf of the rehabilitation, including captive power plant', of Ramagundam plant at an estimated cost of Rs. 102.31 crcres.

(ii) Ravamping of Gorahpur plant at a cost of Rs. 66.65 crores has been approved. However, actual implementation would, be taken up after the receipt of report of health study of the plant currently being carried out by the Projects & Development India Limited.

(iii) Non-plan budgetary support is being provided every year to enable the company to tide over its financial problems and to ensure uninterrupted supply of inputs.

Specific Technology to minimise impact of drought

1167. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTENAN: will the Minister *ot* AGRICULTURE he pleased to state:

(a) the specific scientific technologies evolved to minimise the impact of the drought on the agricultural production during the current year; and

(b) how far the estimated targets for various items of foodgrains for the current year are likely to be achieved with the adoption and promotion of these technologies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN] THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (!a) Sir, the technologies evolved include (i). choice of suitable varieties of crops specifically identified for late sown conditions, (ii)[1] recourse of even transplanting of millets such as pearl millet and finger millet, (iii) adoption of wide spacing with less number plant population, (iv) adoption of appropriate intercropping systems" involving both short duration and long duration, crops, (v) adoption of split application of fertiliser taking into account the occurrence of rains and soil moisture status, (vi) adoption of appropriate cultural operations for enhancing *in situ* moisture conservation and (Vii) adoption of straw mulching for conservation of moisture.

(b) A target of 176.5 million tonnes of foodgrains production has been fixed for the year 1990-91. It comprises 73.7 million tonnes of rice, 54.5 million tonnes of wheat, 33.3 million tonnes of coarse cereals and 15 million tonnes °f pulses. Adoption of the technologies mentioned in (a) above is likely *to* help in achieving the targets by minimising the impact of drought.

Rural Housing Schemes

1168. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given much importance for rural housing schemes and earlier programmes are being implemented with the cooperation of the State Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and